Energy Star Partner of the Year Submission – VBCPS Supporting Documentation

Included in this submission:

- Executive Summary submitted for award;
- Screenshot from VBCPS Energy Management SharePoint site, which includes Energy Star;
- The VBCPS "Energy Star Wall of Fame;"
- Slides from various presentations by VBCPS Energy Star Champions to students, staff, management, and peer groups which were either about Energy Star or included Energy Star as a feature of our energy management program; and
- An example of communication with each VBCPS Principal, which incudes a review of the VBCPS Energy Star effort to date and their building's score

Executive Summary:

Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS) has a reputation as a champion for efficiency and sustainability. This includes an inventory of new LEED facilities, internal teacher- and student-led sustainability initiatives, and several industry recognitions. In 2011, VBCPS started incorporating Energy Star as a standard of efficiency for our existing buildings much in the way that we use LEED for new facilities.

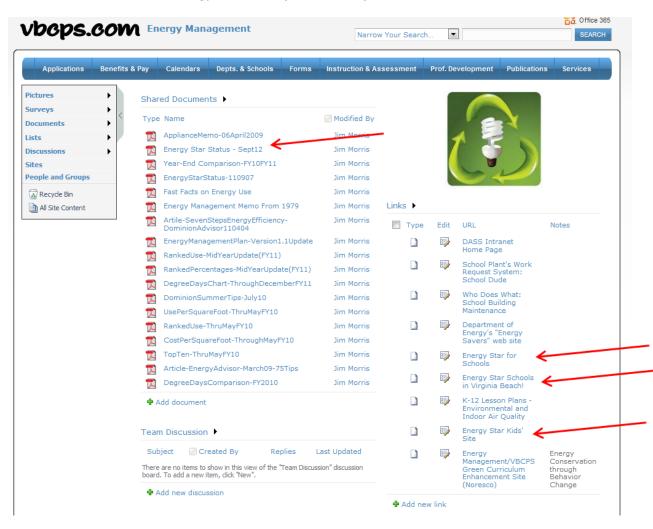
Our first facility to earn this recognition was Providence Elementary School, which was designated for its efficiency during 2010. Built in 1981, Providence recently had energy-efficient retrofits, including HVAC modification to a ground-source system and relamping. For the 2010 year, VBCPS had 5 elementary schools (410,586 square feet) certified. For 2011, VBCPS added Renaissance Academy, our first secondary school and LEED building to become an Energy Star facility.

In 2012, building off that success, we stepped up our efforts. As of the date of this submission, VBCPS more than tripled our number of Energy Star facilities, with 21 schools and 2,286,260 square feet of Energy Star space. We also have one additional renewal and one more new school under review for the 2012 year.

Displaying the Energy Star logo on the buildings is a reminder to the community of our commitment to energy conservation and fiscal responsibility. This is an important segment of our sustainability portfolio, and is particularly significant for those schools which are not LEED facilities and want to earn national-level recognition for their efforts. We have communicated our efforts and the evolving success of them to individual schools, VBCPS's leadership Cabinet, and even in public School Board meetings. We have emphasized how this also translates to dollars saved for our taxpayers. In an era of tight budgets and increased scrutiny, we see this as an important support tool for our infrastructure management.

Energy Management SharePoint Site (screen shot) – accessible to all Principals and Assistant Principals:

Arrows added to show that Energy Star is a major element of this communication device

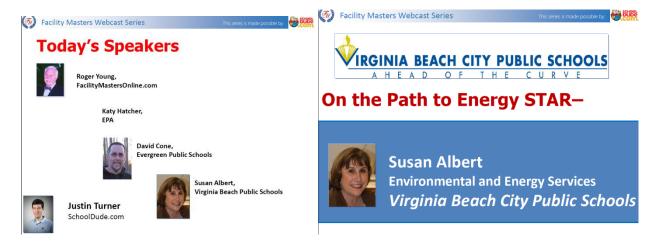


The "Energy Star Wall of Fame" – displayed at the entrance to our Corporate Landing Administrative Support Services Annex:

Shown is Susan Albert, Financial Assistant who has been one of the key individual champions of this effort

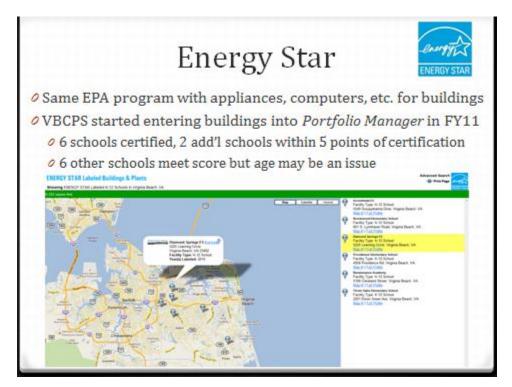


Slides from presentation by Susan Albert about Energy Star in a recent Facility Masters webcast:



Slides from utility review presentations by Jim Morris to VBCPS leadership Cabinet and School Board:

From December, 2011:



From May, 2012:

Quick Energy Management Update

- * Halfway through year, use is ~5% below last year
 - * Project ~3-4% decrease in use from FY10
 - * Mild winter has worked in our favor
 - * Other energy savings initiatives
 - * Performance contracting
 - * "Greening" of the Division
 - * Increased awareness







Slides from presentation to middle school students interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) by Jim Morris:



Communication with Principals to encourage support:

From semi-annual utility memoranda sent by Jim Morris and Susan Albert to individual principals to inform them of their buildings' use

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We also continue to use the EPA's *Energy Star* program to compare our buildings against other schools across the country. Over the last year (our first full year in the program), we expanded our inventory of *Energy Star* buildings to 21 schools (from 6 last year):

- Arrowhead ES (2010)
- Diamond Springs ES (2010)
- Three Oaks ES (2010)
- Brookwood ES (2010-12)
- Providence ES (2010-12)
- Renaissance Academy (2011-12)
- Alanton ES (2012)

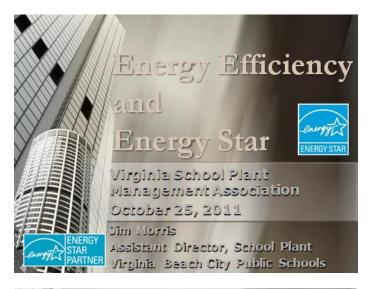
- Bayside HS (2012)
- Corporate Landing ES (2012)
- Fairfield ES (2012)
- First Colonial HS (2012)
- Kellam HS (2012)
- Kingston ES (2012)
- Lynnhaven MS (2012)

- Point O' View ES (2012)
- Princess Anne ES (2012)
- Rosemont Forest ES (2012)
- Shelton Park ES (2012)
- Thalia ES (2012)
- Trantwood ES (2012)
- Williams ES (2012)

This gives the division nearly 2.3 million square feet of Energy Star space. For comparison, your building's current score is <> (buildings with a score of 75 or higher qualify for possible designation). Here's to hoping for even more on this list for 2013!

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Sample slide from presentation by Jim Morris at Virginia School Plant Management Association conference (one-hour breakout session at state conference):







From internal training on energy efficiency by Susan Albert and Jim Morris to VBCPS maintenance personnel:

